Docket No: 07-0508 **Bench Date:** 03/26/08

Deadline: NA

M E M O R A N D U M_____

TO: The Commission

FROM: D. Ethan Kimbrel, Administrative Law Judge

DATE: March 14, 2008

SUBJECT: Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company

Application for Consent to and Approval of an Extension Letter Agreement between Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company and EN Engineering, L.L.C., an Affiliate, pursuant to Section 7-101 of the Illinois Public

Utilities Act.

RECOMMENDATION: Enter Order approving the Agreement.

This matter concerns Commission approval of an Extension Letter Agreement between Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company ("Nicor") and EN Engineering, L.L.C. ("ENE"), an Affiliate, pursuant to Section 7-101 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act. The original Agreement between Nicor Gas and EN Engineering was in effect from April 27, 2005 through December 31, 2007 and thus, in accordance with the Commission order in Docket 04-0788, Nicor must file for renewal of the approval of the engineering services agreement with ENE. Staff stated that after reviewing the petition, testimony and responses to data requests, it recommends that the Commission approve the Company's Extension Letter Agreement with ENE.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Commission enter the attached Order approving the Agreement.

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